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ALLEN HYNEK

APART from reproducing, as MUFON JOURNAL and others have done, the *New York Times* obituary (Thursday, May 1, 1986) on Dr J. Allen Hynek, we shall not at this time devote our energies and our very limited space to a discussion of his merits and his achievements. For one thing, we are satisfied that these will stand, and are in no danger of being forgotten by the tiny minority whose opinion counts for anything in this world of ours. And we shall not fail to return to the discussion of them later.

The main reason is however, simply, that we have other vitally important aspects of Dr Hynek's personality and position to consider, and certain judgements and prognostications which we feel it is urgently necessary to ventilate and amplify at this time.

The first, and most obvious point, is that, in the whole realm of UFO research, Dr Hynek was *unique. There will never be another like him.* This uniqueness derives simply from the fact that, in addition to being a trained and qualified scientist and a professional astronomer (not that we actually think that *Astronomy* has any great bearing on Ufology, for we suspect that it doesn't!) he was, for twenty whole years, 1948 to 1968, the civilian Consultant to the United States Air Force on Unidentified Flying Objects. *No other man has held that post. No other man will hold that post in future, inasmuch as, since Condon, the USAF has been able to shrug off the unwelcome incubus of having to pretend to be coping with the UFO Problem.*

This being the case, it is as plain as a pikestaff that there will be many in our world who view his departure from the scene with nothing but the utmost glee. They know it will make *their task* of lying and bamboozling and brainwashing far easier now. (We have already drawn attention to their spectacular triumph in France.)

Now, throughout the whole of the English-speaking world, will be the opportune moment for the Mendacious Brigade (so well represented in the British media), the "double-breasted revolving liars", the "Professors of the Impossible", the "societies for the abolition of the study of *this,* and the rationalistic approach to *that*" and others of their ilk, to come swarming out of the woodwork in order to deliver the *coup de grâce,* the final mortal blow, to Ufology throughout the world, and thereby smooth the way for the finalization of the take-over by those Forces to whom they themselves are subservient.

We shall have to be on our guard more than ever against these gentry. For they know that with the passing of Allen Hynek, they have a unique opportunity.

THE NEW YORK TIMES, THURSDAY, MAY 1, 1986

J. ALLEN HYNEK, ASTRONOMER AND U.F.O. CONSULTANT, DIES

By Joan Cook

J Allen Hynek, an astrophysicist and consultant to an Air Force project to assess reports of unidentified flying objects, died of a malignant brain tumor Sunday at Memorial Hospital in Scottsdale, Ariz. He was 75 years old.

Dr. Hynek, who moved to Scottsdale from Evanston, Ill., a year ago, was for 18 years professor and chairman of the Department of Astronomy at Northwestern University and director of its Dearborn Observatory, until he retired in 1978. He was involved in the air Force U.F.O. research effort from 1948 to 1969.

Often his task for the Air Force was to examine at first hand more substantial reports of flying saucers and the like. In 1966, after a rash of sightings in Michigan, he went to the area to take charge of the investigation. After interviewing scores of people, he ascribed certain sightings to luminous marsh gas rather than something from space. Nevertheless, he said, "Scientists in the year 2066 may think us very naïve in our denials."

He long asserted that U.F.O.s should be taken seriously and he eventually became displeased with the Air Force approach. He said that its methods were slipshod and that it was not conducting a scientific study. The Air Force, in turn, concluded that there was no evidence of extraterrestrial craft and the U.F.O. project was abandoned.

He Avoids 'U.F.O. Nut' Label

In an interview in 1974, Dr. Hynek said that he had remained with the program as long as he did to retain access to Air Force data and to avoid being marked a "U.F.O. nut".

Dr. Hynek founded the Center for U.F.O. Studies in Evanston in 1973 and took it with him when he moved to Scottsdale.

He is credited with coining the phrase "close encounters of the third kind" to describe humans meeting creatures from space. He used the phrase in his 1972 book "The U.F.O. Experience" and it became the title of the 1977 Steven Spielberg film, on which he served as technical adviser.

When a reporter once suggested that Dr. Hynek he might be remembered not as an astronomer but as the man who made U.F.O.s respectable, he replied: "I wouldn't mind. If I can succeed in making the study of U.F.O.s scientifically respectable and do something constructive in it, then I think that would be a real contribution."

He resigned from the center he founded a few months ago for ill health, according to the director, Tina Choate.

He Worked on Proximity Fuse

In World War II, Dr. Hynek was a civilian scientist at the Johns Hopkins Applied Science Laboratory, where he helped to develop the Navy's radio proximity fuse.

Josef Allen Hynek was born in Chicago, Ill., to Czechoslovak parents. He graduated from the University of Chicago in 1931 and earned a Ph.D degree there in 1935.

He joined the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Ohio State in 1936. After the war he returned there, rising to full professor in 1950.

In 1956 he left to join Prof. Fred Whipple, the Harvard astronomer, at the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory, which had combined with the Harvard Observatory at Harvard. Dr. Hynek had the assignment of directing the tracking of an American space satellite, a project for the International Geophysical Year in 1956 and thereafter.

In addition to 247 optical stations around the world, there were to be 12 photographic stations. A special camera was devised for the task and a prototype was built and tested and then stripped apart again when, on Oct. 4, 1957, the Soviet Union launched its first satellite, Sputnik.

Assumed the U.S. Would Be First

"We had always assumed that the United States would have the first satellite," Dr. Hynek said ruefully at the time. "If I've ever had a traumatic experience, that was it."

Observations of the Soviet satellite were received, and with twice-daily news conferences, Dr. Hynek and Dr. Whipple began to reassure the public after what Dr. Hynek called "this intellectual Pearl Harbor, a real gutsy sock to the stomach."

Once things in satellite tracking settled down to a

routine, Dr. Hynek went back to teaching, taking the chairmanship at Northwestern in 1960.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miriam Curtis; four sons and daughter, Scott Josef, of Waltham, Mass.; Joel Curtis, of Leonia, N.J., Paul Curtis, of Scottsdale, Ross Allen, of Lake Forest, Ill., Roxane of Hanover, Mass.; and five grandchildren.

MYSTERY SWIRLED RINGS IN ENGLAND (1985)

Pat Delgado

Mr. Pat Delgado, of Alresford, Hampshire, is one of our new FSR Consultants whom we have not yet had an opportunity to introduce. He is a fascinating man, with more than 52 years of experience covering a wide range in the electronic and electro-mechanical fields, mainly in research and development. (The many members of the British public who enjoy their morning tea in bed will be delighted to know that, as we understand, Pat Delgado is also the designer of the celebrated *Goblin Teasmade* device.)

Perhaps more important than that however, so far as "our subject" is concerned, is the fact that Mr. Delgado spent seven years in Government service at the Woomera Rocket Testing Range in South Australia. One may suspect therefore that he knows more about the UFO Problem than he is free to say. His work there, he tells us, brought him into close association with sophisticated optical and radar-tracking systems.

Here in Britain he and the *Daily Express* photographer Chris Wood and FSR Consultant Omar Fowler are the three men who have made the deepest study of these "swirled rings in the corn", and we can think ourselves especially fortunate in having not only Pat Delgado's carefully thought-out findings but also, to back up and illustrate those findings, the superb professional photographic skills of Chris Wood, chief photographer for the *Daily Express* for the whole of the South of England, to whom we all owe a very special vote of thanks. *(These photographs are all covered by copyright, and have been made available for reproduction in FSR only.)*

Prior to his becoming an FSR Consultant last year, Pat Delgado had of course already written two reports for us on the rings in the corn. (See *Cheesefoot Head Mystery Rings,* in FSR 27/5, March 1982, and *Mystery Rings Again At Cheesefoot Head,* in FSR 29/1, October 1983.)

So far as we know, precisely similar or almost similar, phenomena have been reported from both Canada and Australia in earlier years. For reports on the rings or *"UFO nests"* as they were called, in the sugar-growing State of Queensland, see *Queensland Again,* by Judith Magee, in FSR 12/2 (1966), and *North Queensland UFO Saga 1966,* by Stan Seers and William Lasich, in FSR 15/3 (1969). — EDITOR.

Introduction

The continuing mystery of the groups of swirled rings found in cereal crops has gained momentum in 1985, both in the number of ring groups seen and in media and public interest. The increase of reported sightings is probably due to greater public awareness because of past and present media coverage, also to the readiness of observers to report ring sightings knowing they will not be open to ridicule, because the groups remain in the fields for about two months until the crops are harvested. At some sites traces of the rings are still visible, even as the next crop begins to grow. Reluctance to report circle group sites is also well diminished by the fact that anyone can photograph them, walk into and examine them (with permission), carry out scientific tests and take precise measurements.

The first thing that seems to strike the casual visiting observer is the precise mechanical features displayed by the sharpness of the ring edges and the attractive geometrical layout especially when enhanced by a low sun angle.

Whenever the ring groups are discussed the questions debated come under the general heading of "How are they constructed?" and answers to the following questions would be extremely interesting.

1. What is the force that causes the cereal crops to be laid gently flat in a clockwise direction?

2. Why does the pattern of rings, usually consisting of five, have the largest in the centre with the smaller ones appearing equispaced round the outside?

3. Why are the edges of the circles so sharply defined?

4. Why are there apparently no tracks visible to some of the rings and apparently no tracks connecting them? I say apparently because in some aerial photographs very faint tracks can sometimes be seen under close scrutiny but not to all the rings.

5. Why are they always constructed at night? This question arises because in no case have any ring groups appeared during the day when they were not there earlier the same day.

6. Why have there been no sensible and thoroughly practical answers to this mystery after such a prolonged annual occurrence, namely, about forty years.

Meeting

To discuss these questions I decided to arrange a meeting of people who shared a common interest in this subject for the purpose of pooling practical experience and ideas to see what, if anything, came out of the melting pot so to speak.

This meeting was arranged for October 13th, 1985, at the Arlebury Park Sports Centre, Alresford, Hampshire. The prominent speakers present were: Omar Fowler (SIGAP, U.K., and FSR Consultant); Paul Whitehead (FSR Consultant); Lt.-Col. Edgecombe, Army Air Corps; David Adamson; 'Busty' Taylor (Civil Pilot); Paul Fuller (BUFORA); Martin Payne (Farmer); Arne P. Solomonsen, and myself. Other guests were wives, relations and friends.

My opening remarks at this meeting are for the most part covered by the foregoing part of this article, and were to officially establish the reason for the convening of the meeting, and to express the hope that there would not be too much digression.

"Daily Express" photographs

Chris Wood, chief photographer for the whole of the south of England for the *Daily Express,* was to have been the next speaker but unfortunately was unable to attend the meeting because of a pre-arranged holiday commitment. However, he very kindly gave me a package of notes and photographs to read and show on his behalf.

Of the six groups of rings reported this year (1985) he has visited and photographed five of them. The ring groups were at:-

1. Cley Hill, near Longleat and Warminster, Wiltshire.
2. White Horse, Bratton, near Westbury, Wiltshire.
3. Tolymare Farm, near Findon, Sussex.
4. Gander Down, near Alresford, Hampshire.
5. Fonthill Bishop, Wiltshire.
6. Goodworth Clatford, Hampshire.

Chris had not visited the Cley Hill site but the presence of the rings was confirmed by a Mr. Brian Hocken who lives on the farm and a Dr. Terence Meaden. Of the five sites measured, four of them had a large circle of 46 ft. diameter with the four smaller ones of 13 ft diameter with a distance of 56 ft from the centre of each small circle to the centre of the large circle. These figures varied slightly at different sites due to one person carrying out the measuring in sometimes breezy conditions, but care and patience was taken to get it as accurate as possible. Some of the small rings were not at 90° to each other but appeared to be 5° plus or minus.

The description of Chris Wood's visit to the Findon site was most interesting. He interviewed various people who were living on the farm and nearby when the rings appeared. They were first seen at 5.50 a.m., 29th June, 1985, by Mr. Ken Johnson and a gamekeeper, Mr. Martin Moyer. Mr. Johnson said he was first attracted to the site by a cloud of steam or smoke just above the field. He described it as *"A hazy mist from the centre circle, smoky, dewy, coming up from the ground, almost as a series of fountains. There were no signs of anyone walking through the field. I am convinced it was not a man-made thing."* Mr. Johnson has a number of business interests, and normally "has both feet firmly on the ground", but in this instance he was clearly shocked by the sudden, unaccountable appearance of the rings. His wife mentioned that a relative had been walking a dog in a nearby wooded area and had discovered a fresh 'swathe of damage through the trees'. This was during the same morning. A woman living only a few hundred yards from the rings said her family had heard no sounds or seen any lights during the previous night. Her husband is a herdsman on the farm and had been up till 2.00 a.m. that morning.

Chris supplied superb photographs to accompany his notes. They showed rings at various sites taken in 1983, 1984 and 1985. He also supplied all the carefully measured and gridded site drawings.

The Military Report

Next, Lt. Col. Edgecombe, A.F.C. A.A.C., was invited to give his views. Lt. Col. Edgecombe is Safety Officer at Middle Wallop Army Air Corps., Wiltshire. He commenced by reading his report which he had sent to the Ministry of Defence (M.O.D.) (See text of Report, attached as an appendix to this paper.)

He continued by saying that many of the air crews had become interested in the ring phenomenon, and, because of this, he had suggested in the Air Base Newsletter that a watch be kept for ring groups next year because some can only be discovered from the air, as the Westover Farm rings were.

"Jelly" found at a site

Omar Fowler told us how he was invited by 'Busty' Taylor, the civil pilot who also reported the previously discussed rings to the Army Air Corps., to accompany him to the rings to investigate some fluorescent jelly-like substance he had noticed in the central ring. Omar told us how he collected a sample of this jelly and the outcome of having it analysed. (For the inconclusive results of this analysis, see Report to be published later).

White Horse, Westbury, 19th June, 1985
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Other Theories

David Adamson contributed next by explaining how electro-magnetic currents affect some plant life and how cereal crop stalks and grass blades can be made to bend and lie flat in a swirled configuration. He said this phenomenon was described in a book, *'Piece for a Jigsaw'* by Leonard Cramp.

From this point onwards various speakers put forward theories on how the rings may have been constructed.

The most obvious one involved the use of a pole or chain held at the centre of a circle and dragged round. Against this theory is the fact that the crops are never damaged in any way other than lying flat, no breakage and no bruising. Anyone who may consider this theory might be the answer may be interested in the following test carried out in a wheat field.

Tests to ascertain pressure required

To find out what pressures were required to flatten the wheat stems I took a wooden rod, 36ins. long, and laid it down between the wheat stalks where it rested about 1″ above the ground. To the centre of the rod I attached a spring balance that extended to a maximum of 20 lbs. After I had pulled the rod a distance of 12″ the spring balance had reached its maximum of 20 lbs. The rows of stalks initially pulled over by the rod leant against the next stalks, they then bent over and leant against the next row of stalks and so on, with the cumulative effect that the affected stalks created a curved pattern causing the rod to want to ride up the curvature of the stalks. To keep the rod at low level I had to press down very hard on it, I would estimate about 20-25 lbs. If these figures are applied to a 23 ft. long pole (46 ft. diameter ring) which is fixed at one end and the free end pulled a distance of 1 ft., it would require a cumulative pressure of 90 lbs. and that is without about another 80-90 lbs. weight to keep the pole from riding up the stalks as the ring is constructed. Consider now that while all this is going on, the puller's feet are digging into the ground and crushing stalks in the process. Remember: the stalks in the rings are never seen to be damaged, and there are no holes or crush marks in the ring centre.

During my wheatfield tests I tried very carefully to walk between the drills, which are about 4″ apart, without leaving any trace. I found it impossible and that was in daylight. As one foot passes the other damage occurs, as well as the foot on the ground damaging the stalk bases.

I described my tests to the meeting and the pole or chain theory was written off.

UFOs as possible cause

Inevitably, the possible connection of the rings with UFOs was suggested, and again various possibilities were put forward of how a UFO could cause the crop to become swirled. *The spinning electro-magnetic current theory was suggested mainly because this would not harm the crop.* The weight of a craft resting on the rings was a point raised, and this allowed me to describe another experiment I had carried out in the wheat field.

A further test

By trial I found the flattened wheat would easily support a weight of Ñlb. per square inch. The reason for this is that the stalks in the rings are mostly flattened tangentially to their radius arc, therefore they are overlaying one another in a fairly uniform condition, and walking on them after they have been flattened one can appreciate the support underfoot.

The calculation for the total weight support in a 46ft. diameter circle is simply:-

46ft. dia. = 1662 sq. ft.

$1662 \times 144 = 23932$ sq.ins.

at ¼ lb. sq. in. $\frac{23932}{4} = 59832$ lbs.

$\frac{59332}{2240} = 26.7$ tons

The four small rings under these circumstances will support 2.4 tons each, a total of 9.6 tons. Total of five rings = 36.3 tons. Even half this weight is significant, 18.15 tons.

The same conditions applied to the 62ft. dia. Findon ring would result in approximately 48 tons plus the four small ones.

Further aerial surveillance planned

Lt. Col. Edgecombe and 'Busty' Taylor both agreed that an air surveillance another year could easily bring to notice many more groups of rings other than those easily seen from vantage points. (The Westover Farm rings cannot be seen from any road). Further to this, during a recent interview I had with a local retired Hampshire council byways maintenance worker, *he stated he had personally known of these ring groups for the last eight years in the Cheesefoot Head, Hampshire area and also he knew many farmers who know of ring groups on their land but do not report it as they fear*

Findon, Sussex, 29th June, 1985
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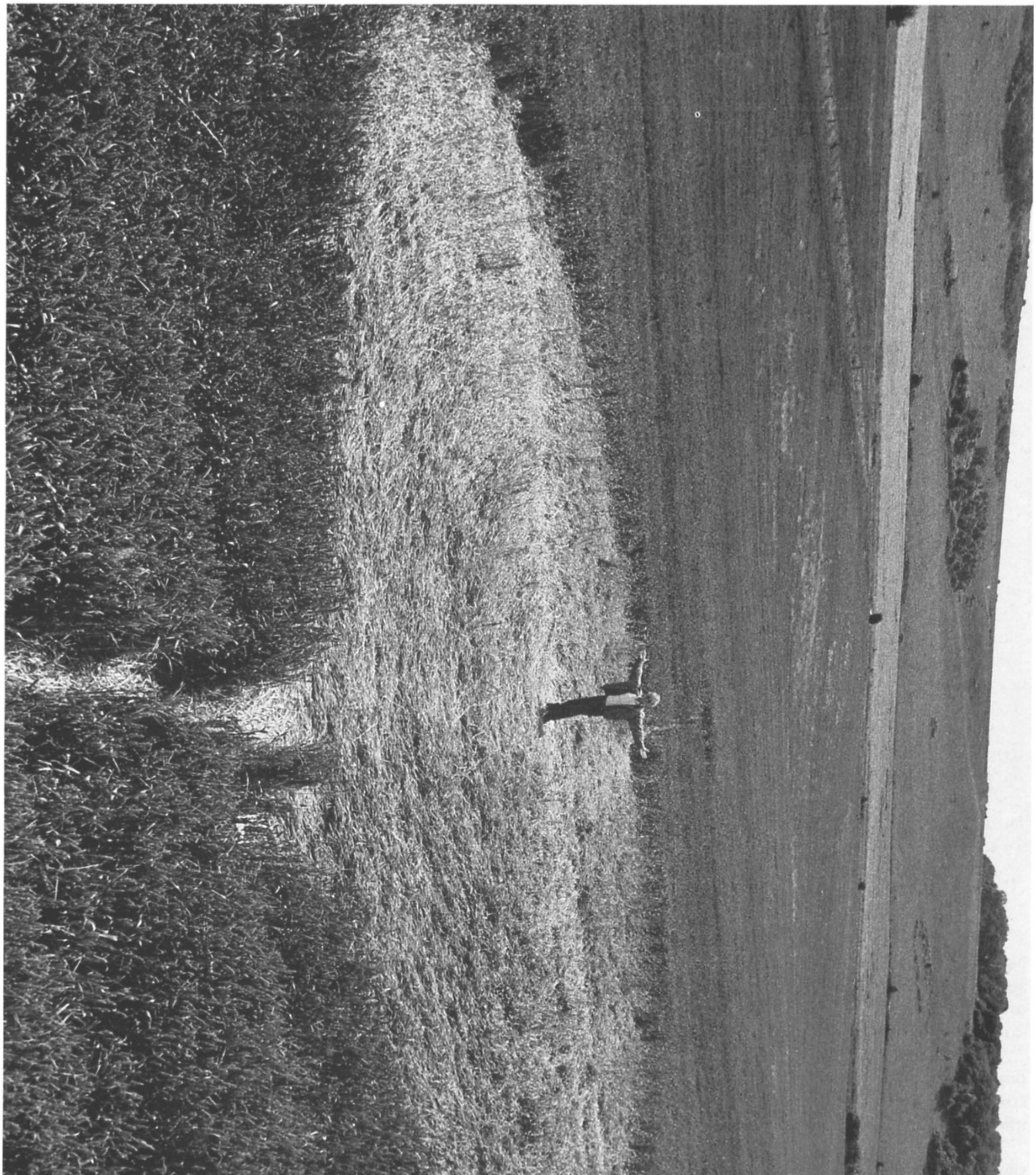

public intrusion. He also said he knew of two more ring groups this year, close to an area known as Cheriton Woods in Hampshire, and local people have known about them at least since the end of the last war — 1946, and they are called the *"Cheriton Rings"* locally.

Views of the Farmers

Martin Payne and his wife Petronel are both interested in this subject and have been for many years, especially as they are associated with farming and know most of what there is to know about growing cereal crops. He said the trained eye could easily pick out even a faint track in standing crops.

Paul Whitehead describes parallel universe

Paul Whitehead put forward some very interesting points related to the parallel universe theory, and how it might be possible for the rings to be the result of a power source as yet unknown to us but operating in conjunction with magnetic or electro-magnetic sources from the earth. The rings may have no aerial significance at all but might be the result of spinning power columns from within the earth's crust. It seemed to be generally agreed that something along these lines is the only one that conforms to the crops being undamaged in the rings.

Suggested causes

Among the suggested answers put forward to the question "What causes the ring groups to be found as they are?" were:-

1. The rotated pole or chain theory.
2. Spinning electro-magnetic currents from under a UFO or craft of some kind.
3. Spinning electro-magnetic currents from within the earth.
4. Biochemical introduction to the fields to study public reaction.
5. The power of thought.
6. Some device lowered from a helicopter.
7. Spinning wind columns.
8. Helicopter downwash.
9. Over-fertilization at that point by turning farm machinery.
10. The 'Fairy Ring' virus.

A competition suggested

It was suggested that a competition be organised with a substantial reward to any person or persons who could present a set of rings in a cereal crop with exactly the same characteristics we have become accustomed to, without showing any tracks, without sound or lights, at night, and without being seen.

Cases in Australia and Canada

The ring phenomenon is not confined to the south of England. The Australian book, shown to me by Paul Whitehead, titled *'Alien Honeycomb',* by Leonard Ryzman and John Pinkney, carries descriptions of many sites of swirled grass and other vegetation rings and ring groups.

The Canadian book *'Gateway to Oblivion'* by Hugh Cochrane also contains descriptions of swirled grass rings. Both these books carry names of observers and site locations.

The phenomenon is world-wide, the mystery remains; meanwhile interested parties will continue to gather information and statistics and we would be most grateful to anyone, anywhere in the world, who can report sightings of rings or ring groups.

The verdict: "Not man-made"

The question was put to the meeting by the farmer, Martin Payne, "Are we all agreed that, in our opinion, these ring groups are not man-made". The answer was "Yes", except for one person present who was still not fully convinced it was not the work of the Government for some unknown reason.

The rings are now becoming well-documented, especially through the media. However, the local and national daily papers present their stories and photographs about the rings along with the enormous coverage the television companies TVS and ITV have transmitted nationwide, the documentation is considerable, and we will continue to add to it.

Lt.-Col. Edgecombe's report to Ministry of Defence

Unusual Occurrence (UFO?)

1. On Monday 5 Aug 1985 Mr. Adrian Liddell of WESTOVER FARM, GOODWORTH, CLATFORD, who farms near the AAC Centre, Middle Wallop, telephoned to report some extraordinary depressions in a field of near-ripe wheat, and asked, "What on earth we (The AAC) were up to now?" I took the Aircraft Accident Investigation Officer (AIFSO) Maj Garrow REME with me and went to inspect the scene.

2. The site, Grid Reference 346392 was in a virgin, unweather-damaged, near-ripe field of wheat. We found the following:

a. An exactly circular hole in the wheat in which the wheat had been laid flat in a clockwise twist 40 ft in diameter. (As if a plank had been put with one end at the centre and then swept round in a complete circle). There were one or two stalks of wheat

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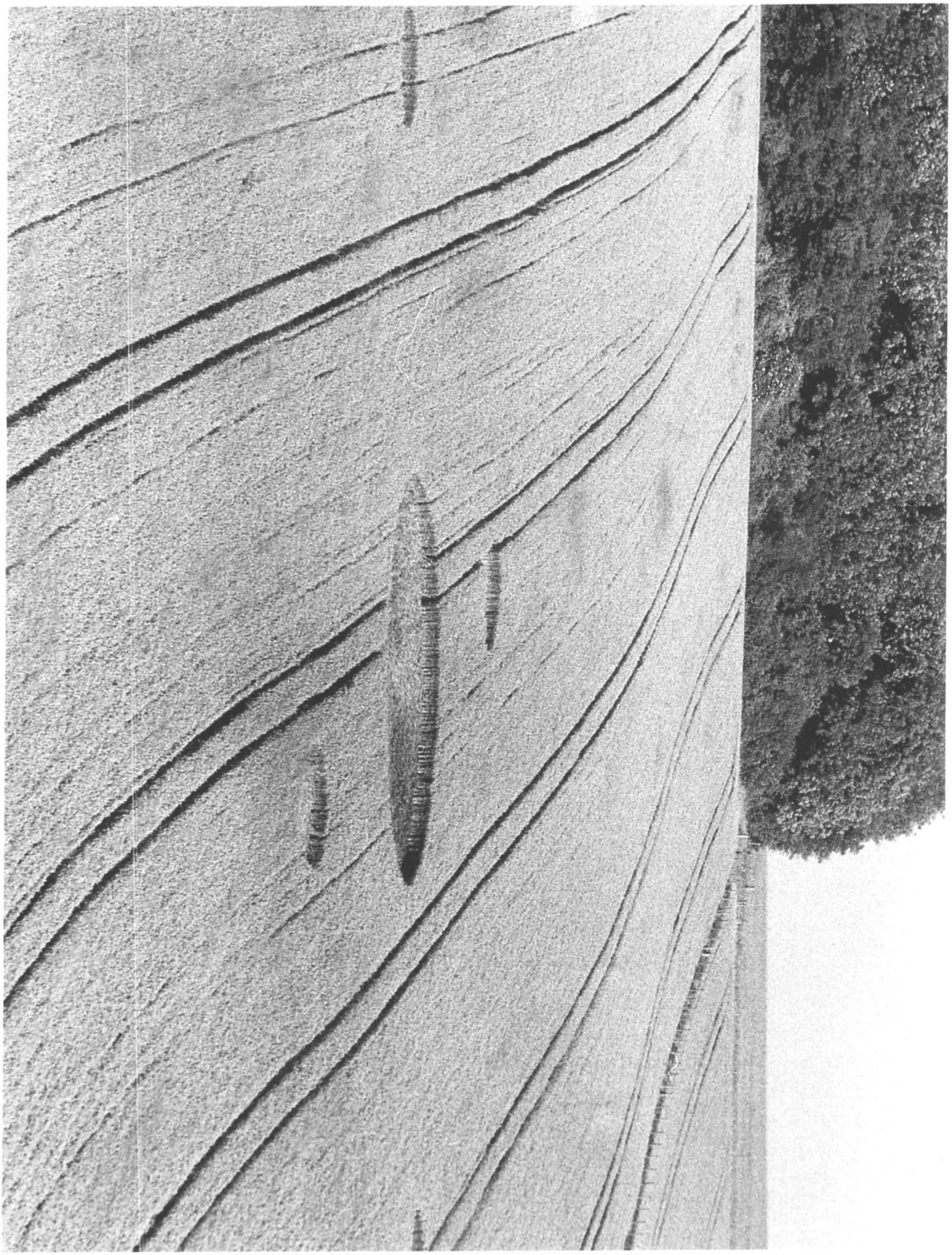

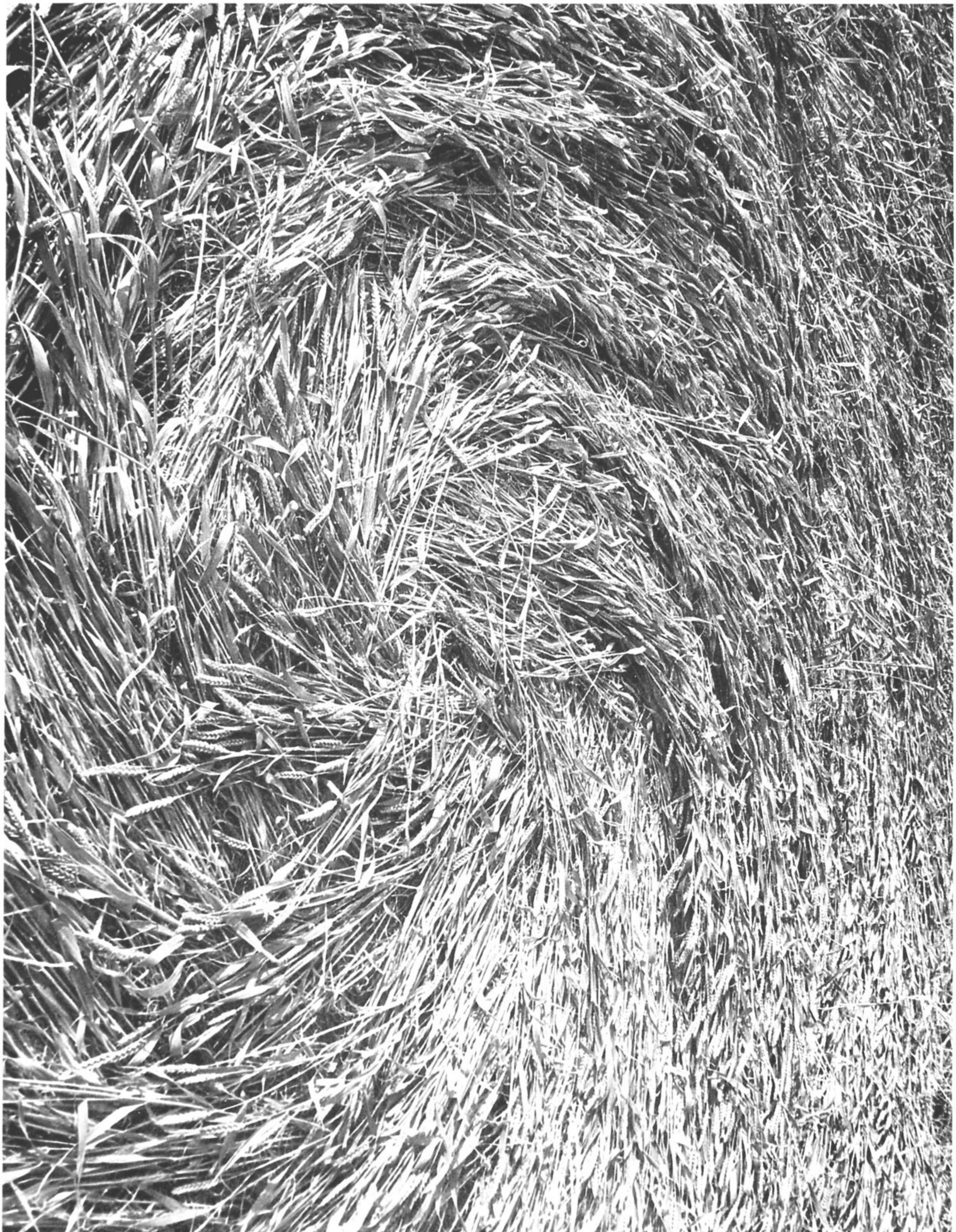

standing which had sprung upright again. The wheat on the edge of the circle was completely upright and undamaged.

b. Four separate, smaller circles approx. twelve feet in diameter, exactly similar to the larger one. These were set in a precise square, NORTH/SOUTH and EAST/WEST, with their centres 43 paces from the centre of the large circle.

c. There were absolutely no tracks in the wheat. To have set the holes in such a precise pattern manually would have required a tape-measure or string, and the users would have been bound to leave tracks in the wheat.

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Gander Down, Alresford, 6th July 1985
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d. All but one of the holes touched onto the main furrows in the wheat, and could therefore be approached from the edge of the field without leaving tracks. However, there was no way of moving from one to the other without leaving tracks in the wheat, except by going some 200 yards to the edge of the field, and then back down another main furrow. One of the smaller holes was completely isolated.

3. Maj Garrow took some polaroid photographs which are included with this report. Mr. SCOTT, a semi-professional photographer, took some 120 mm colour photographs. I subsequently took Mr. SCOTT, and we photographed the scene from the air. By that time some half a dozen sightseers were on the scene and a track, which had not been there when we were on the ground, had been made out to the isolated hole.

4. Present at the initial viewing were:
Lt. Col. G. J. B. EDGECOMBE AFC AAC
Maj. I. Garrow REME
Mr. & Mrs. A. Liddell (Farmer, Westover Farm)
Mr. E. B. Scott (Farmer, Redrice Farm)
And two others.

None of us could offer any reasonable explanation.

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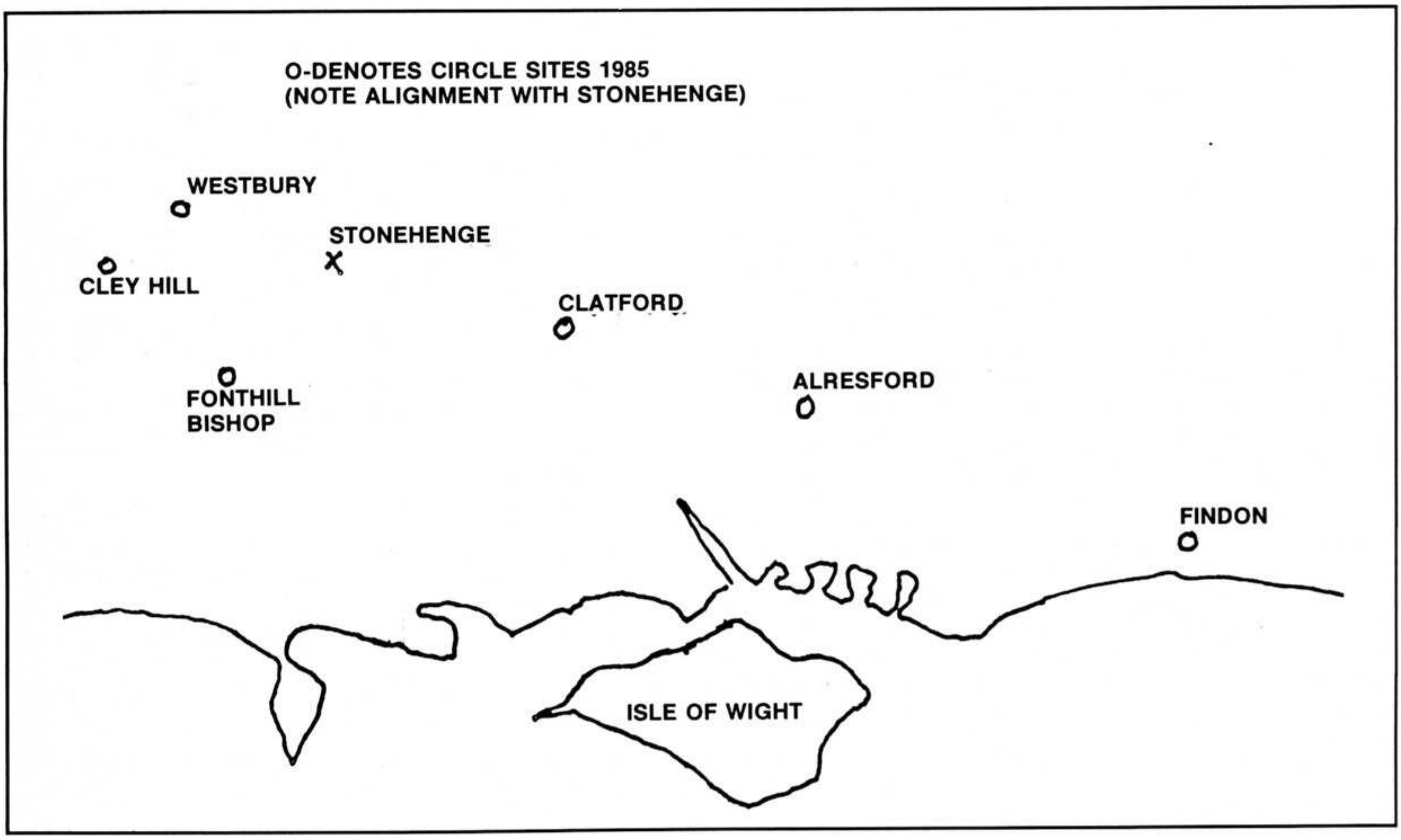

THE UFO CONNECTION: STARTLING IMPLICATIONS FOR AUSTRALIA'S NORTH WEST CAPE, AND FOR AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY

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Bill Chalker's important and exclusive report appeared originally in the March/April 1985 issue of *Omega Science Digest (Australia),* and he has given us the necessary permission for it to be reproduced in FSR. As the article falls into two separate parts, the first of which is a discussion of the book *CLEAR INTENT,* while the second relates to a serious UFO happening in Australia in 1973, I have taken the liberty of separating it accordingly into two sections. As we have already given a great deal of attention (FSR 29/5, 29/6, 30/1, 30/2 and 30/3 all relate) to *CLEAR INTENT* and matters linked thereto, it may be wondered why we have decided to give so much further space to it by reproducing the whole of Mr Chalker's article. The answer of course is that *CLEAR INTENT* is a meaty and tremendously important book. Not all of our readers have yet managed to see a copy of it, and what we have been able to quote from it so far has necessarily been brief. There were many other important points which we were thinking of presenting in further articles soon, and it so happens that Mr Chalker's article does include a good many of these.

EDITOR

INTRODUCTION

RAAF (Royal Australian Air Force) files document a remarkable sighting on October 25, 1973. On that very day, at the same top-secret site, a full nuclear alert was declared. Science is often defined as the ordered arrangement of ascertained knowledge, including the methods by which such knowledge is extended and the criteria by which its truth is tested. This narrow definition of science permits us to embrace the clandestine world of intelligence. It is a branch of science which few of us are privy to.

Today's world of Intelligence is mind-boggling. One of the biggest and most secretive organisations is the American National Security Agency (NSA), its initials often seen as meaning *No such agency,* or *Never say anything.* Its operations are massive and perhaps not a little disturbing in scope.

Recently, some of its operations were described in a fascinating book by James Bamford, entitled *The Puzzle Palace* (1982). The so-called 'Ears of America' exist as "the world's most secret espionage system".

Therefore, considerable interest was generated when a United States District Court recently ruled that the NSA did not have to accede to a *Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)* request to supply a civilian group — CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY (CAUS) — with hundreds of UFO documents in its possession.

The extraordinary ruling stated that the release of the documents "could seriously jeopardize the work of the Agency and the security of the United States." With regard to the balance between public interest about UFOs and the NSA's need for secrecy, the court further rules that *"public interest in disclosure is far outweighed by the sensitive nature of the materials and the obvious effect on national security their release may well entail."*

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PART I: *Clear Intent*

The continuous ties of UFOs to national security and the claims of constant secrecy surrounding Government UFO documents, are the main themes of an explosive new book entitled *CLEAR INTENT* (Prentice Hall, 1984). It is subtitled *The Government Coverup of the UFO Experience.* While it is short on detailed critical analyses of the many Government UFO documents that dominate the book, the authors of *CLEAR INTENT* — Lawrence Fawcett and Barry J. Greenwood — present a powerful case for a 'cosmic Watergate'. Some of their conclusions are:—

- *"UFOs are a real, material, physical phenomenon, completely unidentifiable in conventional terms".*
- *"UFO's display intelligence of a very high order".*
- *"UFOs have overflown US military and other Government facilities since World War II, as evidenced by official US document releases from a variety of federal agencies".*
- *"This activity has extended to other nations, as evidenced by official US Government document release".*
- *"Despite tight secrecy regarding release of UFO documents, Government officials most closely associated with UFO data of national security importance probably do not have a definite 'answer' to the UFO problem, but they monitor the phenomenon in pursuit of an answer".*

During late 1975, numerous 'penetrations' into several Strategic Air Command bases along the US/Canadian border by 'unknown objects' occurred. Describing one report, a Loring Air Force Base teletype

stated that an unidentified object "demonstrated a *clear intent* in the weapons storage area".

On October 28, 1975, pandemonium broke out at Loring, when an unknown aerial object had penetrated the Base and was in the nuclear storage area! One of the Base personnel described the intruder when it was only 100 metres away, apparently hovering about 1.5 metres in the air. It was described as being about four car lengths long and exhibiting a reddish-orange colour:—

> *"The object looked like all the colours were blending together, as if you were looking at a desert scene. You see waves of heat rising off the desert floor. This is what I saw. There were these waves in front of the object and all the colours were blending together. The object was solid and we could not hear any noise coming from it."*

Early in November, 1975, at the K-7 Minute Man Silo near Lewistown, Montana, a Sabotage Alert Team responding to a reported 'violation' witnessed a huge glowing disc over the silo site. They refused to close in on the object, due to its 'intimidating appearance'. The object departed *and subsequently the missile housed at the silo was replaced, ostensibly because it was found that the targeting information in the missile computer system had been interfered with!*

IN 1976 AN IRANIAN FIGHTER PLANE WAS 'BUZZED' BY A UFO. AN OFFICIAL US REPORT STATES "THIS CASE IS A CLASSIC WHICH MEETS ALL CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR A VALID STUDY."

CLEAR INTENT carries intriguing data about a sensational encounter between an Imperial Iranian Air Force F-4 fighter aircraft and a UFO, that occurred on September 14, 1976, over Teheran. *The weapons system of the pursuing F-4 ceased functioning when the pilot sought to fire an AIM-9 missile at the UFO, the F-4 was then 'buzzed' by an object that left the UFO and subsequently returned to it.*

A Defence Intelligence Agency assessment of the event concluded: "An outstanding report. This case is a classic which meets all the criteria necessary for a valid study of the UFO phenomenon".

From the NSA we find that the Iranian incident was carried in a secret Electronic Security Command Publication, with the rather esoteric title of the MIJI Quarterly. It contains narrative summaries of all 'meaconing' (?), 'intrusion', and 'jamming incidents' (hence 'MIJI'). The account covering the Iranian case describes it as an example of an event "which will never be adequately or entirely explained by logic or subsequent investigation. It makes interesting, and possibly disturbing, reading."

One of the more sensational disclosures in *CLEAR INTENT* is the extraordinary official documentation supplied, describing UFO intrusions over Kirtland Air Force Base, New Mexico, in August 1980.[1] *Kirtland's Manzano Weapons Storage Area is one of the largest nuclear weapon depositories in the world! The Base also houses some highly secret installations, including Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) and the Air Force Weapons Laboratory. SNL among other things develops electronics for nuclear weapons and cryptological devices for the NSA.*

There have been incidences of 'official' documents being circulated that have turned out to be hoaxes, but the Kirtland documents come directly from official channels via FOIA requests. It, therefore, seems unlikely that the material is a hoax.

One of the US Air Force (USAF) Office of Special Investigations (OSI) documents entitled *Alleged Sightings of Unidentified Aerial Lights in Restricted Test Range* relates the experience a Sandia Security Guard had on August 9, 1980:—

> *"At approximately 0020 hrs., he was driving east on the Coyote Canyon access road on a routine building check of an alarmed structure. As he approached the structure, he observed a bright light near the ground behind the structure. He also observed an object he first thought was a helicopter. But, after driving closer, he observed a round disc-shaped object. He attempted to radio for a back-up patrol, but his radio would not work. As he approached the object on foot armed with a shotgun, the object took off in a vertical direction at a high rate of speed. The Guard was a former helicopter mechanic in the US Army and stated the object he observed was not a helicopter."*
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> *"After referring to another (!) sighting in the same location, the report states 'The two alarmed structures located within the area contain HQ CR44 material'* (which I am led to believe refers to nuclear materials! — B.C.)

The OSI documents also carry extraordinary disclosures about one of the official investigators at

Kirtland Air Force Base involved in the 1980 incidents. Here I refer to Mr Jerry Miller, "GS-15, Chief Scientific Adviser for the Air Force Test And Evaluation Center, KAFB", who is further described in the documents as "a former *Project Blue Book* USAF Investigator who was assigned to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (W-PAFB), OH, with FTD. Mr Miller is one of the most knowledgeable and impartial investigators of Aerial Objects in the South-West."

After analyzing photographic evidence supplied by a civilian scientist, Miller stated that "the evidence clearly shows that some type of unidentified aerial objects were caught on film; however, no conclusions could be made as to whether these objects pose a threat to Manzano/Coyote Canyon areas." Miller contacted FTD (Foreign Technology Division) personnel at W.-P. AFB, who then expressed interest in the material and scheduled an inspection of the data.

The extraordinary thing about all this is that here we have a former *Project Bluebook* (The USAF UFO project) investigator liaising with FTD at W-PAFB — the former home of *Bluebook.* The big problem is, of course, that the USAF *Project Bluebook* was officially terminated back in 1969, on the grounds that further investigation "could no longer be justified on the ground of national security or in the interest of science." It seems clear now that both criteria — national security and scientific interest — are of major concern!

The National Security Agency (NSA) took that concern a major step forward with the unprecedented release of a document prepared by an NSA analyst back in 1968. It bears the extraordinary title *UFO Hypothesis and Survival Questions.* The NSA emphasised that the document does not represent NSA policy; however, in view of the fact that the same Agency apparently shreds 40 tonnes of documents per day, it is, at the very least, extremely puzzling why this document along with 239 other UFO-related documents have not long since found the same fate. *Perhaps, contrary to public pronouncements, the documents were preserved because of their significance!*

Briefly, the document above contained the following intriguing points:—

> *"It is the purpose of this monograph to consider briefly some of the human survival implications suggested by the various principal hypotheses concerning the nature of the phenomena loosely categorized as UFO."*
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> 1. *"All UFOs are Hoaxes … If UFOs, contrary to all indications and expectations, are indeed hoaxes — hoaxes of a world-wide dimension — hoaxes of increasing frequency, then a human mental aberration of alarming proportions would appear to be developing.*
>   *Such an aberration would seem to have serious implications for nations equipped with nuclear toys — and should require immediate and careful study by scientists."*
> 2. *"All UFO's Are Hallucinations … In spite of all the evidence to the contrary, if UFOs did turn out to be largely illusionary the psychological implications for man would certainly bring into strong question his ability to distinguish reality from fantasy. The negative effect on man's ability to survive in an increasingly complex world would be considerable — making it imperative that such a growing impairment of human capacity for rational judgement be subject to immediate and thorough scientific study so that the illness could be controlled before it reaches epidemic proportions…"*[2]
> 3. *"All UFOs Are Natural Phenomena. If this hypothesis is correct, the capacity of air warning systems to correctly diagnose an attack situation is open to serious question…"*
> 4. *"Some UFOs Are Secret Earth Projects … Undoubtedly all UFOs should be carefully scrutinized to ferret out such enemy (or 'friendly') projects. Otherwise a nation faces the very strong possibility of being intimidated by a new secret 'doomsday' weapon."*
> 5. *"UFOs Are Related to Intra-terrestrial Intelligence". (I assume the NSA analyst meant 'extraterrestrial' or 'dimensional'? — B.C.)*
>   *According to some eminent scientists closely associated with the study of this phenomenon, this hypothesis cannot be disregarded. (The well documented sightings over Washington D.C. in 1952 strongly support this view.) This hypothesis has a number of far-reaching human survival implications:—*
>   "IF THEY DISCOVER YOU, IT IS AN OLD BUT HARDLY INVALID RULE OF THUMB, THEY ARE YOUR TECHNOLOGICAL SUPERIORS … THE 'INFERIOR' IS USUALLY SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL CONQUEST…"
> 6. *"COMMENT: Although this paper has hardly exhausted the possible hypotheses related to the UFO phenomena, those mentioned above are the principal ones presently put forward. All of them have serious survival implications. The final answer to this mystery will probably include more than one of the above hypotheses…*
>   *"It would seem a little more of this survival attitude is called for in dealing with the UFO problem…*
>   *"Perhaps the UFO question might even make man undertake studies which could enable him to construct a society which is more conducive to developing a completely human being, healthy in all respects of mind and body and, most important, able to recognize and adapt to real environmental situations."*

Clearly, at least back in 1968,[3] an NSA analyst saw the UFO phenomenon as a critical problem, whatever its eventual nature.

PUBLICATION OF UFO REPORTS WAS OPPOSED BY AMERICA'S MOST SECRET SECURITY ORGANIZATION. A JUDGE WHO, WAS NOT SHOWN ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS, AGREED.

With these perspectives, one wonders what can be made of the 21-page *in camera* affidavit presented by Eugene F. Yeates, the Chief, Office of Policy, of the NSA, to the District of Columbia, Maryland, Court. This was all the judge had access to in making his decision to deny access to the NASA UFO documents. He was never made privy to the original documents.

The affidavit itself was classified 'TOP SECRET —' ('TOP-SECRET UMBRA' I assume) meaning that the information was of the highest SIGINT (Signals Intelligence) sensitivity, however, heavily censored copy was subsequently released.

The NSA indicated that disclosure of its UFO documents would have the following effect, namely: "when alerted to the extent of NSA's capability, and if given information from which inferences could be drawn as to the processing methods used, foreign intelligence services would be able to evade or defeat portions of NSA's present foreign intelligence efforts."

The affidavit further stated:—

I have determined that the 156 reports relating to COMINT (Communications Intelligence — B.C.) activities at issue here are based on intercepted communications of foreign governments of SIGINT operations and, thus, remain properly classified. In concluding this review I have weighed the significant need for openness in government against the likelihood of damage to our national security at this time, and have determined that each record should continue to be classified. No meaningful portion can be segregated from the records without revealing classified information about the intercepted communications underlying the COMINT reports..."

'... I certify that disclosure of past and foreign intelligence communications activities of NSA revealed in the records that the plaintiff (CAUS, — B.C.) seeks would endanger highly valuable sources of foreign intelligence".

As the current military and political environment requires such clandestine intelligence activity to maintain the integrity of our national security, it is difficult to argue against the validity of such a case. All of us value our free and democratic life-style. However, since the UFO phenomenon seems global in scope, overshadowing current political and military artifacts, perhaps there is justification for independent reviews of the NSA data by parties acceptable to both the NSA and the UFO research community. Surely at least the judge should have been made privy to the original documents rather than an NSA-prepared summary.

The authors of *CLEAR INTENT* refer to one date given in the 'TOP-SECRET —' affidavit, but could offer no suggestion as to what event it was referring to. However, for me this section was an extremely meaningful portion. The relevant page is heavily censored, but tells us the following information:—

"9.(TS—) NSA-originated reports — thirty-eight documents are the direct product of NSA SIGINT operations and one document describes operations and one document describes classified SIGINT activities. These documents can be further described as follows:—

"b. One record is a 1973 report which — ...

PART II: *The Events at North West Cape (Western Australia) in 1973*

This reference to a 1973 report made me deeply rethink the significance of a specific UFO report contained in the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) files. I acquired this report long before I was afforded the first civilian direct access to the 'totality' of the RAAF UFO files during 1982.

When I first saw the North West Cape report back in about 1975, I was surprised, due to its contents, that, firstly, it had been entered on to a standard RAAF-Department of Defence Sighting Report Form, and, secondly, that it had been made available to a researcher closely associated with me at the time. With the hindsight of the knowledge of its broader implications, which I am about to reveal, it leaves me just short of incredulous that people outside the world of Military Intelligence were made privy to it. It is heartening, however, that it did see the light of day and now its fuller implications are to be laid bare for public debate and scrutiny. This is the way it should have been all along.

THE NORTH WEST CAPE UFO WAS DESCRIBED IN DETAIL BY AN AMERICAN SERVICEMAN: "A LARGE, BLACK AIRBORNE OBJECT ... ACCELERATED AT UNBELIEVABLE SPEED."

The case in question at North West Cape involved two U.S. naval (USN) personnel, observing a UFO near the restricted USN Communications Station at North West Cape in Western Australia.

At about 1915 hours, on Thursday, October 25, 1973, Lt-Commander M— (USN) observed "a large black, airborne object" at a distance of approximately

8 kilometres to the west at an altitude estimated at 600 metres. Lt-Commander M— was driving south from the NAVCOMSTA (Naval Communication Station) towards the support township of Exmouth, along Murat Road. The officer indicated in a written statement that, "After about 20-25 seconds the craft accelerated at unbelievable speed and disappeared to the north." The officer's report further states:—

" 7. *Hovering at first, then accelerating beyond belief.*"

" 9. *No noise or exhaust.*"

"11. *Have never experienced anything like it.*"

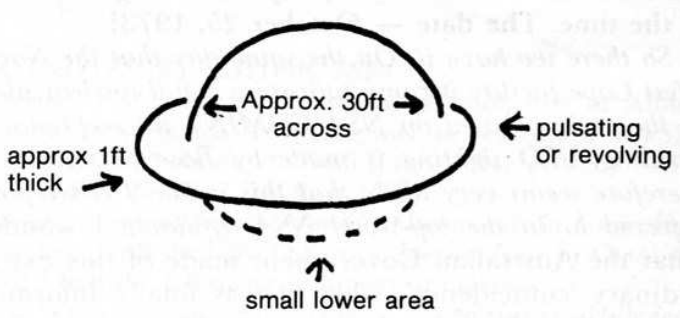
The other witness, Fire Captain (USN) Bill L—, provided the following narrative:—

"At 1920 hours, I was called by the POW to close the Officers' club. I proceeded towards the Club in the Fire Department pick-up 488, when my attention was drawn to a large black object, which at first I took to be a small cloud formation, due west of Area 'B'. (Area 'B' is the location of the high Frequency Transmitter and between 3 to 4 kilometres due west of this point is located Mount Athol. — B.C.). *Whilst travelling towards the Officers' Club I couldn't help but be attracted by this object's appearance. On alighting from pick-up 488, I stood for several minutes and watched this black sphere hovering. The sky was clear and pale green-blue. No clouds were about whatsoever. The object was completely stationary except for a halo around the centre, which appeared to be either revolving or pulsating. After I had stood watching it for approx. 4 minutes, it suddenly took off at tremendous speed and disappeared in a northerly direction, in a few seconds. I consider this object to have been approx. 10 metres in diameter, hovering at 300 metres over the hills due west of the Base. It was black, maybe due to my looking in the direction of the setting sun. No lights appeared of it at any time."*

The real significance on this provocative report is due to two things: one, its location obviously, and, two, the date of occurrence — *October 25, 1973.* Consider the following:—

In *"A Suitable Piece of Real Estate — American Installations in Australia"*, (1980), Dr Desmond Ball, Senior Research Fellow in the Strategic and Defence Studies Centre at the Australian National University, writes:—

"The NSA is the principal US Intelligence agency operating in Australia ... Compared to the CIA in Australia, the NSA has a much larger presence, is more important, more secret, and closer to Australia's own Intelligence organizations. It is responsible for all the various activities associated with Signals Intelligence (SIGINT) — electronic intelligence, radar intelligence, electronic counter-intelligence, and signal security."



WITNESS'S SKETCH OF N.W. CAPE UFO

NOTES taken from Dept. of Defence report form.

1. Time certain — per Fire Dept. Log. Duration approx. 4 mins. (time to travel and enter "O" club)
2. Familiarity — 6½ years residence.
3. Angle of elevation — approx 12 degrees (guess). Compass angle bearing — 270 degrees from Officers' Club.
4. Relative size — relative to full moon — 2" plus halo (arms length — 20")
5. Max angular velocity compared to "insert crossing vision at 5 to 10 in scrub").
6. No noise or exhaust noticed.

The NSA operates at the North West Cape Base, through its Naval Security Group component. The Base, along with the other US bases around Australia, have long been a matter of acute political sensitivity, specifically related to the assertion that such sites would be nuclear targets during a major outbreak of hostilities between the Super-Powers.

On October 11, 1973, five days after the Middle East (Yom Kippur) War broke out, North West Cape, along with other US bases in Australia, was put on full alert.

According to Richard Hall, in his book *The Secret State* (1978), this alert status was to escalate dramatically due to "an NSA misreading of Arabic in a Syrian message to the USSR, which led Kissinger and Nixon to believe that Soviet troops might be sent to the Middle East".

The result was that, two weeks after the October 11 alert, North West Cape was used to communicate the general US alert to both conventional and nuclear forces in the region — all of this, according to Dr Ball,

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without the Australian Government being informed at the time. The date — October 25, 1973!

So there we have it. On the same day that the North West Cape facility is communicating a full nuclear alert to the region, based on NSA COMINT interceptions, a startling UFO sighting is made by Base personnel. It therefore seems very likely that this is the '1973 report' referred to in the top-secret NSA affidavit. I wonder what the Australian Government made of this extraordinary 'coincidence', when it was finally informed that a full nuclear alert had emanated from Australian soil without its knowledge on October 25, 1973? (Perhaps, as it appears, the UFO report may have been reported in isolation, with no connection being made. Even this situation would be cause for concern.)

The military have always viewed provocative UFO events in isolation against the backdrop of local events. However, in the case of the North West Cape sighting, it should be noted that, by October, 1973, the United States itself was caught up in a massive and sensational UFO wave. Much of the publicity revolved around a bizarre "close encounter of the third kind" involving two Pascagoula fishermen across from local naval shipyards wherein nuclear submarines were under construction. The event occurred *on October 11, 1973 — by coincidence the date of the initial full alert.*

What was it that hovered near the sensitive North West Cape Base and accelerated out of sight at "unbelievable speed" on the same day as a general nuclear alert was communicated from the Base? Was it an extraordinary remote 'drone' of a foreign or friendly power, testing the responses of the facility or was it a bonafide UFO? Either way, national security implications are very apparent.

There are clear lessons for our own "official, governmental examiner" of UFO reports, namely the RAAF, and for other Australian agencies that have flirted with the subject over the years. The latter include the Department of Civil Aviation (now Department of Transport), the Joint Intelligence Organization (JIO, formerly JIB, the Joint Intelligence Bureau), the Australian Security and Intelligence Organization (ASIO) and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (CSIRO).

On May 2, 1984, the RAAF curtailed its long public flirtation with the UFO controversy. In announcing the RAAF's 'new' policy on UFOs, the Minister of Defence, Mr Gordon Scholes, stated:—

"The vast majority of reports submitted by the public have proved not to have a national security significance.'

The 'policy change' was, in fact, a logical and inevitable expression of the RAAF's long involvement in the Australian UFO controversy. The whole history of the RAAF's activity in this area has been based on two criteria — logically, national security and, predictably, political expediency.

The RAAF have stated: "Nothing that has arisen from the 3% or 4% of unexplained cases (the figure is actually now closer to 8% average over the last 20 years according to the RAAF's own statistics, and has gone as high as 33% in a single year — B.C.) gives any firm support for the belief that interlopers from other places in this world or outside it have been visiting us."

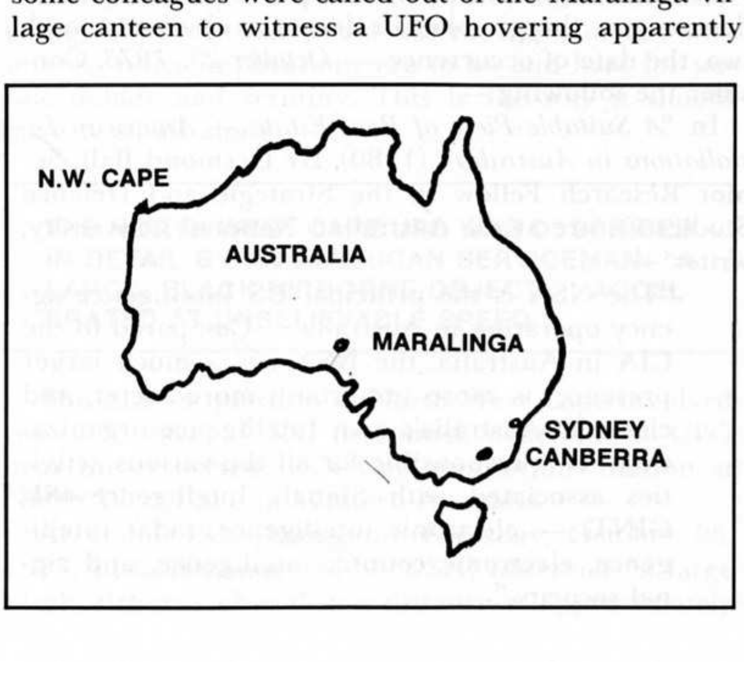
It is my contention, having examined many of those officially unexplained cases (and many of the so-called 'explained' cases), that surprisingly many of them contain extraordinary details which do not lend themselves to easy explanation. These deserve to be the stuff of scientific scrutiny.

In the great majority of cases that make up this unexplained residue, national security implications were not as clearly apparent as in the North West Cape event. However, it would be wrong to assume that that sighting was unique.

The Maralinga Case

For example, consider the following account, which comes at a time when its location is very much in the news. The report comes from a former RAF (Royal Air Force) corporal stationed at Maralinga Airfield (South Australia) during October and November, 1957. The incident was not included, in any form, in the official RAAF files. During September and October, 1957, the nuclear weapons test series code-named ANTLER were undertaken at Maralinga with kilotonne range nuclear explosions occurring on September 25 and October 9. The site was subject to intense security. However, during October/November, 1957, the integrity of the facility was challenged in an extraordinary fashion.

Just before dusk one evening, the RAF corporal and some colleagues were called out of the Maralinga village canteen to witness a UFO hovering apparently



silently over the airfield. It was described as "a magnificent sight", being silver/blue in colour, or a metallic lustre, with a line of 'windows' or 'portholes' along its edge. The corporal states that the object could be seen so clearly that they could make out what appeared to be plating on its surface. The duty air traffic control-officer also ostensibly witnessed the spectacle. He allegedly checked with Alice Springs and Edinburgh airfields, who reported that they did not have anything over their areas. No photographs were taken, as it was alleged that the top-security status of the area required that all cameras be locked away.

These had to be signed in and out when used. After about 15 minutes (as dusk began to fall) the aerial object left, swiftly and silently.

BASED ON THE AUSTRALIAN EXPERIENCE, IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO DISMISS UFO SIGHTINGS AS "HAVING NO NATIONAL SECURITY SIGNIFICANCE." THE TIME FOR SECRECY HAS PASSED.

It seems to me, both based on the Australian experience (North West Cape, 1973, and Maralinga, 1957, for example), and certainly that of the American situation (Kirtland Air Force Base, 1980, for example), that it would be unwise, or at least premature to dismiss UFO sightings as having "no national security significance" and no scientific relevance. The time for secrecy and apathy has passed. Instead, the need for open public study and substantial scientific investigation should now be our *'clear intent'.*

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FOOTNOTES (BY EDITOR, FSR)

[1]Kirtland USAF Base lies two miles south-east of Albuquerque, New Nexico. This case was the lead-story in FSR so long ago as Volume 29, No.5 (June 1984). *(US Air Force Base's Radar Knocked Out by a UFO).*

[2]*Already, in my introduction to The Humanoids In Latin America* (first published by FSR as a *Special Issue* in October 1966) I had the following comment to make:—

> "One thing at least is certain. These stories of alleged meetings with denizens of other worlds or realms or levels of existence constitute a fascinating social, psychological — and possibly also a PARA-psychological enigma. And surely an enigma of some urgency, for if the growing numbers of people all over our planet who claim these experiences are indeed hallucinated, or, as we are confidently told, suffering from the stresses and strains of the Nuclear Age, then it is as plain as a pikestaff that they are in grave need of psychological study and medical attention. If a new brand of psychosis is loose amongst us, then, instead of wasting so much time on why we hate our fathers and love our mothers, our mental experts and psychologists ought to have been there right from the start, studying and combating this new plague since its outbreak nearly twenty years ago! Valuable time has been lost. By now, they might have come to important conclusions, or even licked the malady!"
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> (See page 84 of *The Humanoids,* Futura paperback edition, 1974 and 1977).

[3]Note that this comment by an analyst of the American National Security Agency (NSA) was made in 1968 — just two years after the first publication of my remarks cited above under Note.[1] G.C.

THE UFO CONNECTION: ADDENDUM

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In correspondence with Mr. Chalker about his article "THE UFO CONNECTION: STARTLING IMPLICATIONS FOR NORTH-WEST CAPE AND AUSTRALIA'S SECURITY", we asked him whether he actually believed that the Royal Australian Air Force *really had shown him the whole of their UFO files,* and on May 16, 1985, he replied in a long and interesting letter which we think it best for us to reproduce as it stands, and as an addendum to his article.

We therefore reproduce the letter below. — EDITOR

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Australia
May 16, 1985

Dear Editor,

Thanks for your letter of May 2nd. I'm pleased you like my "UFO CONNECTION" article and plan to run it in FSR.

My reference therein to *"direct access to the 'totality' of the RAAF files during 1982",* obviously requires some clarification. You may therefore care to use this letter as an addendum to the article if printing schedules permit. Please copyright this to me, at this stage:

Addendum to "the UFO connection"

I purposefully used quotation marks on my reference to having seen the *totality* of the files, since that indicates, or I thought it would indicate, to readers that I am not convinced that all Government files have been uncovered.

As far as the RAAF files were concerned, it would appear that I have been able to examine the totality of that particular file series, namely their "public"

Unusual Aerial Sightings (UAS) Reports File Series.

(By "public" I mean the files the RAAF always stated that they maintained which include reports from civilians and also from military witnesses. These files had always been withheld from the public until 1982. Previously to that, there had only been limited release of individual sighting reports with all witness particulars deleted from the copies).

In my initial visit, I was only given less than 1/3 of this holding, with the indication that this was all that they could retrieve from archives at that time. I persisted, and with some detective work to determine the file numbers, etc., I was eventually able, over the next few visits, to examine a continuity of these *UAS* files for the period from 1955 through to 1982. I was able to largely reconcile these files with the public summaries made available from 1960 to 1980.

Since then, I have examined the files for 1982-1984. These file series are made up of multiple parts. Each part contains numerous sighting reports. Altogether, thousands of reports were involved.

The existence of two other types of files was also determined, in addition to these *"UAS Sighting* files" — namely *"Enquiries by the Public,* etc", and *"Policy"*. Now, I was able to examine a continuity of parts of these *"Enquiry"* files, which led me to believe I had seen all the parts. With the *"Policy"* files, of which there were then (1982-1983) only three parts, I was initially denied access. Subsequently I was able to read the first two parts, but not the current (third) part. There was some interesting material in the *"Policy"* file, not the least of which was a "scientific appreciation" study of Air Force Intelligence sighting files and associated tabular summaries of reports from 1950 to 1954. This study was undertaken by a nuclear physicist. He recommended that a permanent scientific panel be formed to evaluate the RAAF data, and that more radar cases be sought. *He also concluded that some of the material was suggestive of "extra-terrestrial" sources. Unfortunately, he had used a lot of Donald Keyhoe's data to support his 1954/55 conclusions. RAAF officials sought confirmation from the U.S. Air Force authorities as to the legitimacy of Keyhoe's data, and were advised that he was not to be relied upon! In fact they indicated that they regarded him as having questionable integrity! Unfortunately, while Keyhoe may have slightly "beat up" his USAF data, it was authentic. However, the RAAF authorities chose to accept the USAF's assurances, and therefore, in turn, rejected the Australian scientist's findings . . .!*[1]

I make detailed mention of this Australian scientist's report because it summarizes files of reports for the period 1950-1954. The original files were allegedly "destroyed" or "lost" in the move of RAAF Headquarters from Melbourne to Canberra! Copies of some of these pre-1954 RAAF reports were however held in Department of Aviation UFO files which I was also able to examine late in 1982.

Of the numbered parts of the *"UAS Sighting"* files, only three (for around 1973) were missing. These have never turned up, and are *"presumed lost"* in the archival system. Despite this, I had already, prior to my 1982 file reviews, obtained from various channels copies of the more "interesting" RAAF reports in those self-same "missing" parts. For example, the controversial *North-West Cape Report* of October 1973, which figures prominently in Part I of this present article, was one of them. Within the files examined by me there was also controversial and "self-critical" material which seemed to make the claim of a sinister "cover-up" difficult to sustain.

Well now — *what about other files? Well, I'm sure other holdings exist. I was told so by the scientist who wrote the 1954/55 report mentioned above.*

In 1982/83 I managed to track this scientist down and contact him. In the late 1960s he had been working in the Australian Defence Department, to be specific, in the Scientific and Technical Intelligence (DSTI, Directorate of Scientific and Technical Intelligence), which is part of the JOINT INTELLIGENCE BUREAU (JIB[2] — now the JIO organisation). At that time he was also liaison man between JIB and RAAF/DAFI (Directorate of Air Force Intelligence). In this capacity, he had access to RAAF/DAFI UFO files and Defence files).

In 1968 and 1969, this scientist worked with other Defence scientists in organizing a proposal for a "rapid intervention team" to investigate "physical evidence" UFO events. Unfortunately, before these plans could be finalized, things got out of control in Western Australia with a rash of reports. The local RAAF/DAFI officer could not cope with the "flap", and a plea was made for the Defence "team" to intervene. As the "team" had not yet been finalized, the scientist himself was sent to Western Australia to assist. One of the cases involved an impressive radar-visual event. Upon subsequently writing up his report on the affair, the scientist, perhaps inappropriately, criticized the RAAF/DAFI system for handling UFO reports. These criticisms of his came at a time when the RAAF/DAFI "empire" was under threat. The scientist's access to RAAF/DAFI UFO files was terminated, and, moreover, the plan for the "rapid intervention team" was cancelled — all due to "politics", so it seems!

This scientist to whom I refer obviously has considerable knowledge of the "cut-and-thrust" of Governmental UFO machinations. He has little sympathy for their approach, and he indicated to me that, while the RAAF/DAFI files that I had examined were by far the most substantial holdings, *there were also further Defence holdings.* These, he told me, were generally "sensitive", due to the nature of their reporting or their source, perhaps rather more than due to their actual report content. He indicated that, for these reasons, it was unlikely that I would ever be granted access. *So far he is right.*

What about other files? The Australian Security &

Intelligence Organization (ASIO) have long been thought to have had a finger in the UFO pie. To all enquiries about their activities in any areas the ASIO naturally steadfastly refuse to confirm or deny anything. However, we are certain that, at their own request, they did obtain a copy of the *Father Gill Report* (New Guinea, June 1959) from the civilian UFO investigation group in Queensland, allegedly for microfilming. They were also allegedly involved in the famous Drury film affair of 1953. *Other claims of ASIO involvement relate to alleged attempts by them to destabilize research groups and discourage research activities by individuals.* (All of this sort of stuff is of course almost impossible to confirm; one must either just accept or reject one's own source of information.)

There is also the whole body of "evidence" relevant to claims of a "UFO cover-up" by the RAAF and other Government agencies in Australia. I reviewed this "evidence" in a lecture which I gave at the 1984 Conference of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies. My conclusions were that most claims are either spurious or impossible to confirm. *A few, however, are extraordinarily compelling, and are the subject of ongoing investigations. If these events are confirmed (and at the present stage they are NOT) then we could have powerful evidence that the Government or perhaps some agency or agencies of the Government, know more than they are telling.*

My own feelings, based on my current perceptions of the files I have examined and all the various people in the Intelligence field whom I have questioned, is that, while there may be data that these Agencies could still be "sitting on", they, and the various Governments as a whole, know little more about the UFO Problem than we informed civilian researchers do. In other words, my current perception (which may of course prove to be incorrect) is that the Cover-Up has its basis in a desire to contain something which is poorly understood. (That is to say that maybe they say to themselves "If we sit on it, it may go away. If it won't go away and if we sit on it, at least we will give the impression that we are doing our job and, yes, folks — there is nothing to worry about! There really is nothing in all this UFO rubbish!")

But, in reality, when Officialdom have their rare moments of direct confrontation with the substantive side of the UFO mystery (which in itself is also rare), then they also are bogged down in frustration and uncertainty as to what is going on.

Now, one may care to argue that Governments know a lot more, and that this knowledge which they have comes from intimate liaison, on a voluntary or a non-voluntary basis, with "non-human intelligences". For myself, at the moment, on the basis of an objective appraisal of the "evidence" as I see it, I think that this last-mentioned belief in "intimate" knowledge is, at best, premature.

Nevertheless, as the action, which now seems to be unfolding, in various localities and circumstances (e.g. *"Sky Crash", "Clear Intent", "Fire In The Road"* (title of the apparently forthcoming book on the *"Cash-Landrum Event"*) all seems to show, things are "hotting up". Maybe some sort of resolution is at hand?

Perhaps that is far too optimistic a deduction. However, now is certainly not the time for lethargy. "Progress", in Ufology (if "progress" be the right word) has been quite marked in these last few years. Is it leading us down a one-way street, or are we moving towards a real objective goal?

There is of course still a huge amount of further material on which I could draw should space and time permit!

Yours sincerely,
Bill Chalker

COMMENTS BY EDITOR, FSR

1. *Once again I draw the attention of FSR readers to the outrageous fashion in which Major Donald Keyhoe, an honourable man and a true pioneer in UFO research, has been systematically slandered by the American officials, who knew only too well that he was telling the truth, and were therefore determined to destroy both him and his organisation, NICAP (which they indeed succeeded completely in doing.)*

2. *For seven years I was myself a JIB Intelligence Officer. G.C.*

STOP PRESS FLASH! SWIRLED RINGS IN 1986!

In Lt. Commander Bruce's same wheatfield at Cheesefoot Head near Winchester (see FSR 29/1, page 14) a new ring appeared between 11.00 p.m. and 3.00 a.m. during the night of Saturday July 5/Sunday July 6, 1986, being discovered by Mr. Pat Delgado himself as soon as daylight permitted. Tests and measurements three hours later showed a main single circle, 68 ft. in diameter swirled in a *clockwise* direction, except for an outer band 4 ft. wide which was swirled *anticlockwise.* Then came an outer belt of standing wheat 5 ft. wide, followed finally by an outermost ring 4 ft. wide and also swirled *anticlockwise.*

A second and adjacent large ring appeared *in broad daylight* between 6.55 p.m. and 7.45 p.m. on the fine, sunny evening of July 6, as is firmly established by statements from reliable investigators who were there, respectively, at five minutes to 7.00 for certain and at 7.45 p.m. for certain. The diameter of this second ring is 31 ft. It has around it a belt of standing wheat two feet wide, and outside that is a further swirled ring 18 inches wide. Both rings on this one are swirled *clockwise.*

The highest and most authoritative opinion in the land no longer holds that these rings are due to student pranks or to rutting hedgehogs (or rutting rustics), but that they are simply due to the effect of *wind.* As all FSR readers will know, Britain is famous for its remarkable whirlwinds, which find no difficulty whatsoever in whizzing round in intricate patterns, clockwise inside and anticlockwise outside, while obligingly leaving intermediate belts of corn still standing.

L'AFFAIRE BOTTA

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INTRODUCTION

A single witness, Enrique Botta, or Enrico Bossa, or Enrico Carotenuto Botta, claimed that on May 10, 1950, while driving in an isolated region of Argentina, he came across a disk-shaped UFO resting not far from the highway. The witness climbed into the craft, where he found three small dead humanoids. He departed, drove back to his hotel, and the next day he returned with two friends, only to discover that the craft was now a pile of ashes. However, two other UFOs were circling overhead, and somehow Bossa managed to obtain two photographs.[1]

THE BASIC VERSIONS

As provided by Richard Heiden, numerous references for this case exist, but curiously enough not a single one is from Argentina. In fact, we have here a classical example of "circular references", i.e. all sources are traced back to original letters written by the observer.

Of all the sources, those based on the original letters written by Bossa were selected for this study:

i) The version provided by Coral Lorenzen, dating from the summer of 1955.[2] This version is apparently based on a first account appearing in EL UNIVERSAL of Caracas on May 7, 1955.

ii) A straight translation into French of a letter by Enrico Bossa, published in a Swiss magazine.[3] This second version, dated November 1, 1955, is more detailed and embellished than the first.

DISCUSSION

Each narrative contains internal contradictions, and moreover, there are some interesting discrepancies between them, to wit:

(a) In version (ii), Bossa indicates that at the time he was "living in the City of Bahía Blanca, capital of the province of La Pampa". The City of Bahía Blanca is in the province of Buenos Aires, and of course it is not the capital of La Pampa. It is inconceivable that an educated person alleging to have lived in the area for several months could make such an error.

(b) The lighting inside the craft was dim, and Bossa could not determine the color of the eyes of the crew (version i). Yet, Bossa kept his green tinted glasses on! In version (ii), the glasses are not mentioned.

(c) In version (i), Bossa found the object at a distance of 75 km from "his hotel", while in version (ii) he was either 280 km from Bahía Blanca (province of Buenos Aires), or 200 km from the city of General Acha (province of La Pampa). He also established his geographical coordinates as 68 degrees west and 37 degrees south. All of this information is inconsistent.

(d) No time is given for the encounter, although Bossa is very detailed in providing the time of his departure (apparently from General Acha) with two friends the next day. In version (ii), they started at dawn; in version (i), rain prevented them from departing until the afternoon.

(e) The names of the friends are not provided. In fact, when one thinks about it, we know of Bossa and his personality only through the letters he wrote and the information provided by Horacio González, a Venezuelan ufologist now deceased. Coral Lorenzen indicates that she talked with Bossa by phone in 1957, and Leo Stringfield may have a third letter from him, obtained through the good services of Horacio González (see Ref. 1 p.84) and "written in wretched English". Bossa's profession is variously described as an architect, an aeronautical engineer or an architectural engineer (whatever that may be) by those receiving his letters.

(f) Coral Lorenzen puts a great deal of emphasis on the fact that Bossa could not have read Scully's book (published in 1950) before his experience. In this book, detailed descriptions of landed UFOs and their occupants are provided[4]. But Bossa could not have read it only if the incident took place in May of 1950 as alleged, and since the two friends remain anonymous, their assertions about date and place are void. *It could very well be that Scully's book in fact inspired Bossa — a real or imaginary character — to pen his letters.*

(g) A minor inconsistency between the two versions is the difficulty experienced by Bossa when trying to start his car on the run. No such problem is listed in version (i). A second minor discrepancy is on the dates. According to version (ii), the incident took place on May 15, 1955, while in other versions, including a letter written to Stringfield (Ref.1, p.82) on October 25, 1955, the date is reported to be May 10, 1955.

(h) Last but not least are the behavioral inconsistencies. If we believe what we are told, Bossa was an educated man and kept his cool while inside the craft, where he remained about 5 minutes. Yet, having the best opportunity to remove some item from what he had recognized as a spaceship, he did nothing of the kind! Also, while first approaching the landed craft (notice, it was NOT demolished), he tells us that when he was at a distance of 50 metres he thought it was a

plane that had crashed. He then proceeds to describe the saucer in terms totally incompatible with the way a crashed plane would look! In spite of his short stay inside the craft, his description in version (ii) is extremely detailed, in fact, too much so if we consider that after a few minutes he became uneasy and left. In version (i), Bossa had no problems entering the craft; in version (ii), he had to do some acrobatics to accomplish it.

Moreover, it is rather hard to believe that knowing what was waiting in the fields, he opted for not returning immediately. This site was practically adjacent to the road, and even if the area is not very populated, it is hard to conclude that no one would pass the place for many hours, probably a day, since the bodies were stone cold.

CONCLUSIONS

There are two, and only two, possibilities.

i) the story is true, in which case it becomes necessary to find a satisfactory explanation for the anomalies listed above; and

ii) the whole thing is a clever hoax, perhaps developed by an educated man for his own entertainment, or by a not so well educated man for financial gain, in which case, Bossa perhaps never existed.

If he was as well known as González wants us to believe, it should be a simple matter to find material proof of his visit to General Acha or to Bahía Blanca in May of 1950.

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NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

It is certainly to be hoped that — even at this late date — some of our friends and correspondents in Argentina or Venezuela or elsewhere in South America will be able to give conclusive answers to the very evident questions posed by Dr. Willy Smith.

The Botta case has been mentioned several times in FSR — particularly in our Volume 1, No. 4 (1955), and in our Vol. 28, No. 6 (1983). For a tentative bibliography of the whole "Crashed Saucers" argument, see the footnotes accompanying the article, *Top U.S. Scientist Admits Crashed UFOs,* in FSR Vol. 31, No. 1 recently. See also the immediately following item, below, which is the latest material that we have received in this particular debate.

As regards FSR's own account of this case (FSR Vol. 1, No. 4, Sept./Oct. 1955, page 5), we would take this opportunity to point out that *our* understanding — and that is how we gave it — was that it had first appeared in *A.P.R.O.'s Bulletin* already in 1955 (or earlier). Mrs. Lorenzen's article in FLYING SAUCERS, entitled *"The Reality of the Little Green Men",* quoted by Dr. Willy Smith, only appeared, however, in December 1958.

Moreover, in the A.P.R.O. version which we have, it was not *"two* other UFOs" that Botta found on his return to the spot next day, but *"a cigar-shaped object and two discs."* The A.P.R.O. account goes on to say that one of the two discs was hovering at a height of some 2,000 ft. and that Botta, who thought it might be some 30 ft. or so in diameter, took six photographs of it, only two of which, however, showed it with any degree of clarity. The account goes on to say that the two discs shortly afterwards *"shot up and merged with the cigar, which, after travelling horizontally for a short distance, disappeared into space at a colossal speed."*

Incidentally, as regards the *"heap of ashes"* that Botta and his friends were supposed to have found lying at the site, our impression here at FSR has always been that this was to be taken to indicate that a *cremation* of the bodies might have taken place, and not, as Dr. Willy Smith seems to have read it, that *"the craft was a now a pile of ashes".*

My own interpretation of the story has consequently always been that, if Botta and his friends found no crashed disc lying there any longer, but only a pile of ashes, this meant that the disc had been recovered by its owners. — G.C.

THE UFO CRASH REVELATIONS: AN INTERESTING NEW DEVELOPMENT

Dear Mr. Creighton,

In a recent issue of *Flying Saucer Review* (Volume 31, No. 1, 1985) your article entitled *"Top U.S. Scientist Admits Crashed UFOs"* indicated that it was first to Jerome Clark that Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher revealed his knowledge of crashed UFOs. Well, Mr. Clark was not the first. Mr. William Steinman in recent months has provided me with the following information:

"I first became aware of Dr. Sarbacher when I read notes of Wilbert B. Smith regarding his interview with him on September 15, 1950. I had obtained the notes from Wilbert Smith's widow, Murl. She obtained them out of Wilbert's own research diary, which is in the possession of Wilbert's son. Dr. Sarbacher remembered the interview when I sent him

a copy. The handwriting of the notes matches that exactly of other notes in Smith's own long-hand."

A copy of Dr. Sarbacher's letter of November 29, 1983 to Mr. Steinman is enclosed for your information. The only copy Mr. Steinman says he gave anyone was to U.S. UFO researcher Mr. William L. Moore in December, 1983 (in fact, within one week of receiving it in the mail on December 5, 1983). You can take it from there how all the others, including myself, in the grapevine finally obtained their copy. A more in-depth article with Mr. Steinman's approval will be published regarding the above affair in my UFO publication, *The Sixth Quark Journal,* this Spring.

Sincerely,

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January 16, 1986

(See photostats on Page 25 and 26)

SPINNING SAUCERS GAIN CREDIBILITY

Paul Whitehead

THE *Flying Saucer Review* took its name from those UFOs spotted by the pilot Kenneth Arnold in 1947.[1] The concept of a flying saucer is, however, much older, dating back at least to the 19th century, when an American farmer spotted what he described as a "saucer" flying over his property.[2]

Saucer-shaped objects were seen in the USA in the 1930s (and later sketched) by Richard Keeler. A report of the case appears in Dr. J. Allen Hynek's *"The Hynek UFO Report",* published in 1978.

Certain authorities, such as the American and British governments, would have us believe that flying saucers are seen only by those among us unfortunate enough to be suffering some mental aberration. "Mental patients" probably make the ideal spotters, as far as these authorities are concerned![3]

However, the French Government, whose Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, revealed in an exclusive interview on the French Radio programme *France-Inter* in February 1974 that his country took the UFOs seriously and had long had a department secretly studying them, continues to conduct research into the subject. (See *OMNI* Magazine, February 1986.) And it seems to be common knowledge that the American Government, among others, still conducts its own research programme too. But this, since the publication of the *Condon Report* in October 1968, is no longer said to be done by the U.S. Air Force (who seem never to have been seriously involved), but most probably by America's most secret Intelligence body, the NSA *(National Security Agency)* who may in fact have been the people really in charge of it all along.[4]

Before we move on to an article written recently by Dr. Frank Close, of Britain's Rutherford Appleton Research Laboratory, which discussed anti-gravity, spinning masses and even "spinning saucers", let us briefly recap on what flying saucers are theorised to be.

For some they are spiritual messengers from a distant galaxy, inducing the gullible among us to part with money from our pockets to assist in bringing salvation to the earth. Some adherents to this philosophy believe the UFOs themselves are pure spirit, others think they just carry the Gods.

For others, UFOs reside within a hollow Earth, and are currently making exception to pollution, nuclear tests, too much *"Dallas"* on TV, etc.

The more rational explanations propose that UFOs carry visitors ("beings", robots or a cloned version of the two) from another world, who are monitoring our progress, much as a zoo-keeper keeps an eye on his various broods. Visitors from another dimension or from a parallel world are also not discounted.

Many reports of UFOs have been reported by high calibre and reliable witnesses. These include military personnel, police officers, pilots, etc — even astronomers.

One of the classic features of flying saucers is this:— *they spin.*[5]

Until now, the sceptics have happily thrown this feature, along with all the others, onto the refuse tip. Why, after all, should an advanced spacecraft have to spin? What does the spinning do? And anyway, we all know you didn't see a flying saucer, so it couldn't have been spinning!

But will they reject this feature of flying saucers quite so easily again?

Enter Dr. Frank Close. In his article *"Gravity — has the penny finally dropped?"* (*The Guardian,* March 14th 1986), he discusses at some length a proposal to experiment with antigravity.

"As any UFO buff knows," he states, "flying saucers spin rapidly so that their antigravity drives are effective."

Some scientists, he adds, were now suggesting that they could be right about the spinning producing antigravity. He goes on to describe how scientists were planning to experiment with antigravity particles produced by man, to see, among other things, if

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November 29, 1983

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Dear Mr. Steinman:

I am sorry I have taken so long in answering your letters. However, I have moved my office and have had to make a number of extended trips.

To answer your last question in your letter of October 14, 1983, there is no particular reason I feel I shouldn't or couldn't answer any or all of your questions. I am delighted to answer all of them to the best of my ability.

You listed some of your questions in your letter of September 12th. I will attempt to answer them as you had listed them.

1. Relating to my own experience regarding recovered flying saucers, I had no association with any of the people involved in the recovery and have no knowledge regarding the dates of the recoveries. If I had I would send it to you.

2. Regarding verification that persons you list were involved, I can only say this:

John von Neuman was definitely involved. Dr. Vannever Bush was definitely involved, and I think Dr. Robert Oppenheimer also.

My association with the Research and Development Board under Doctor Compton during the Eisenhower administration was rather limited so that although I had been invited to participate in several discussions associated withthe reported recoveries, I could not personally attend the meetings. I am sure thatthey would have asked Dr. von Braun, and the others that you listed were probably asked and may or may not have attended. This is all I know for sure.

3. I did receive some official reports when I was in my office at the Pentagon but all of these were left there as at the time we were never supposed to take them out of the office.

4. I do not recall receiving any photographs such as you request so I am not in a position to answer.

5. I have to make the same reply as on No. 4.

I recall the interview with Dr. Brenner of the Canadian Embassy. I think the answers I gave him were the ones you listed. Naturally, I was more familiar with the subject matter under discussion, at that time. Actually, I would have been able to give more specific answers had I attended the meetings concerning the subject. You must understand that I took this assignment as a private contribution. We were called "dollar-a-year men." My first responsibility was the maintenance of my own business activity so that my participation was limited.

About the only thing I remember at this time is that certain materials reported to have come from flying saucer crashes were extremely light and very tough. I am sure our laboratories analyzed them very carefully.

There were reports that instruments or people operating these machines were also of very light weight, sufficient to withstand the tremendous deceleration and acceleration associated with their machinery. I remember in talking with some of the people at the office that I got the impression these "aliens" were constructed like certain insects we have observed on earth, wherein because of the low mass the inertial forces involved in operation of these instruments would be quite low.

I still do not know why the high order of classification has been given and why the denial of the existence of these devices.

I am sorry it has taken me so long to reply but I suggest you get in touch with the others who may be directly involved in this program.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Robert I. Sarbacher

P. S. It occurs to me that Dr. Bush's name is inccorrect as you have it. Please check the spelling.

they shoot up or down when released from the strong magnetic field in which they are stored.

(This is the only way to store these particles. If they "touch" anything, they and whatever they touch, are destroyed. Scientists keep them in a circular tube, whose inside is as airless as the Moon, and where powerful magnets stop them from hitting the sides of the tube.)

Now comes the interesting bit. Dr. Close argues that it may also be possible to create antigravity by spinning.

He writes: "This is where the spinning saucers come into their own. Just as rotating electrical charges feel magnetic forces, so will spinning masses experience 'magnetic antigravity'. The faster you spin so the bigger the effect.

"Gravity may win out when you sit in your chair, but spin round fast enough, and antigravity might begin to take over. Spin fast enough, and you could become a high jump champion."

Can we now look forward to the great Golden Age, when spinning will become fashionable, even respectable? Perhaps we should dust down some of those long-forgotten "I saw a spinning flying saucer" reports and have another look . . .

Here are three, taken from an article written by the astronomer (and FSR consultant) Dr. Jacques Vallée, and published by Futura in *"The Humanoids"* (Ed. Charles Bowen) in 1969.

These three cases were reported in 1954.

1. October 9th. At Bayreuth, Germany, the representative of a German firm, M. Max Favell, saw an object land. It gave off a white light. It took off vertically, with a spinning motion, and was lost to sight.

2.October 10th. M. Bon, a mathematics professor in Lisieux, France, observed early in the afternoon, in the vicinity of Saint-Germain-de-Livet, about 200 or 300 metres from the side of the road, a silvery disc, about 7 or 8 metres in diameter, which rose without making any noise. The object was spinning. It dived to the ground from an altitude of about 800 metres, then flew off horizontally at a "dizzying speed".

3.October 29th. In Mesples, near Montluçon, France, a disc standing on edge and spinning rapidly came swiftly towards the ground. There were two witnesses as it suddenly vanished in mid-air.

UFOs which suddenly vanish before the eyes of witnesses are not a rarity. Sir Francis Chichester saw cigar-shaped UFOs while flying from New Zealand to Australia in 1961. He reported later that he had been genuinely puzzled by the incident, the most marked feature of which was the abrupt disappearance and re-appearance of the UFOs.

Postscript

After the recent Challenger Shuttle tragedy in Florida, British scientists announced that they were studying the possibility of using charged particles to launch spacecraft. In the long term this mode of propulsion would be cheaper and safer than conventional fuel-fired rockets, they said.

UFO theorists have claimed that UFOs may be powered by charged particles (such as ions) and a photograph[6] taken in Ireland some years ago seemed to support the idea; the UFO appeared to be surrounded by an elongated halo, which was not visible to the naked eye but showed up on the photograph. The halo was similar to the sort of "ionised force field" which would accompany a craft powered in this way, the theorists said. (More will be reported on this subject when the scientists make their research work public.)

Footnotes (Editor, FSR)

1. What Kenneth Arnold actually told the journalists, when he landed in his private aircraft at Pendleton, Oregon, on Tuesday, June 24, 1947, was that the diagonal, geese-like line of nine UFOs which he had just seen near Mount Rainier (in the Cascade Range) *"flew like speed-boats on rough water, or similar to the tail of a Chinese kite blowing in the wind . . . or like a saucer would if you skipped it across water"*.

   (See *The Coming of the Saucers,* by Kenneth Arnold and Ray Palmer.) (Privately printed by Ray Palmer, Amherst, Wisconsin, 1952.)
2. Nearly twenty years ago Dr. J. Allen Hynek brought and presented to us at FSR a photostat from the archives of the American provincial newspaper *Dennison Daily News* (pub. at Dennison, Texas), showing that their issue of 25 January 1878 contained the account, under the heading *"A Strange Phenomenon"*, of how, on the previous day, 24 January 1878, a local farmer named John Martin, described as 'a gentleman of undoubted veracity', had seen a dark flying object travelling 'at a wonderful speed' over his property six miles north of Dallas. He told the newspaper that when it was right overhead it looked *"about the size of a large saucer"*. This, therefore, was the first use of the word "saucer".
3. Some years ago, Dr. Hynek told me that somebody had made a survey in some of the American mental hospitals, in order to find out how many of the *"nut-cases"* were avidly discussing "flying saucers", at a time when there was a big UFO "flap" on, and that it turned out that the mental hospitals seemed to be the only places where not a soul had anything to say on the subject!
4. What is "magnificently interesting", were one able to coin such a phrase, is the fact that, although the U.S. Air Force (which was *never* really investigating UFOs, anyway!) has not even *nominally* been concerned with the UFO Problem since the completion of the Condon Report in October 31, 1968, its sanctions and penal provisions still remain in force!

   The Directive *Joint Army Navy Air Publication-146* (known as *JANAP-146* for short) lays down in great detail the procedure to be followed by the personnel of the Armed Forces in reporting UFOs. And it also provides that, should anyone, having made such a report, then divulge anything of that report to third or unauthorized parties, he shall be liable to *up to ten years imprisonment and up to a $10,000 fine!* When we last saw Dr. Hynek, a couple of years ago, he confirmed to us that this regulation was still in force. So far as we know, it still is in force today.
5. It is true that many eyewitnesses have said that they saw a UFO which seemed to *"spin"* or *"rotate". There is how-*

ever considerable evidence that it is not the entire craft that spins, but only an outer part or flange. In such a case, the inner capsule or cabin, containing the crew, would presumably not spin at all.

6. This photograph was taken on Sunday, December 26, 1965, near Cappoquin, County Waterford, Eire, by Miss Jacqueline Wingfield, a British Museum colleague of FSR Consultant the late Charles Gibbs-Smith, MA, FMA, Hon. Companion of the Royal Aeronautical Society. As FSR readers will know, Mr. Gibbs-Smith was recognized as the leading British expert on the subject of human flight, and his handbook on the question, published by H.M. Stationery Office, has been for years the standard authority on all matters pertaining to the history of aviation. After close examination by numerous British and American experts, the Cappoquin photo was published as the lead-story in FSR Volume 12, No.2 (March/April 1966). The great "plume" or "elongated halo" (not seen by either Miss Wingfield or her companion, Miss Lisbet Mortensen from Denmark), is a remarkable and powerful feature in the photograph, the authenticity of which has never been placed in doubt by anyone. To my knowledge, because I was present, it was seen and inspected and analysed, and "blown up", by numerous very qualified people, British and American.

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Dr. J. Allen Hynek

Dear Editor, — So Dr. Hynek died on Sunday, April 27. What he achieved in Ufology — a word that, if I am not wrong, he himself coined — will be remembered as long as things unknown to man will fly in our skies and in our minds. May I evoke some personal recollections of this man whom I was happy to know — on two occasions I think he showed himself to me deep down in his heart.

The first time was on the occasion of my first meeting with him, in my apartment at Vannes, the old quarter in the southern part of Paris where I was living then, at the close of the 1950s, and where all my files since the Scandinavian Wave were stored.

It was not without emotion — *a feeling of something historical* if I dare so to put it — that I was awaiting his arrival, though I knew that he would be 'piloted' to my apartment by my old friend the astrophysicist Pierre Guérin, as well as by the celebrated Franco-American astronomer Gérard de Vaucouleurs and one of de Vaucouleurs' assistants, the best interpreter I could have dreamt of.

Dr. Guérin had already warned me, the evening before, that what they wished to do was to verify whether, and in what measure, the UFO case-histories with which I had documented my books were *actual*, or were invented, or were embellished.

Dr. de Vaucouleurs' assistant was a photographer.

The three of them spent two days in reading through my files and in photographing the material, but it was not long before I had perceived that Hynek was not only a learned astronomer, but also a thoroughly intuitive man, well able to sound out the hearts of people. In appearance, he did not in fact look like an American, but, with his elegant little "goatee" beard, rather like one of those Central European* masters in Psychology, such as Freud.

After two days of scrutinizing, photographing, and debating, there came a (for me, at any rate) solemn little silence. Then Hynek gave a sigh, and said: *"Well, now I can tell you. Until now I had been convinced that you had invented all these landing cases."*

Then, after another silence, he continued: "Well . . . and now, *so what?"*

I felt at the time, and still feel, that at that very moment Hynek had changed his mind.

I do not mean to say that he had suddenly "become a *believer*" something which, incidentally, I myself was not then, and still am not. (As always, my motto is "LOOK AT EVERYTHING, AND BELIEVE NOTHING").

But I mean that, from that very moment onwards, he had decided to "LOOK AT EVERYTHING". And this is precisely what he did from that day onwards, devoting the whole of his life to Ufology, with that courage which we all know, never caring a fig for the gossip of his professional colleagues, but guided always by one aim — the search for the *truth.*

The other recollection which I shall always have of him and of what sort of a man he was dates back to the time when, later on, I visited him in his home-town, Evanston, and went with him to his Observatory, near the lake, (Yerkes Observatory, University of Michigan), and there beheld what I had dreamed of seeing once in my lifetime, when, as a child, I had built my own first little telescope — the biggest astronomical lens in the world!

Of course I enjoyed the chance to see that famous lens, but, most of all, I think I enjoyed the chance to discover Hynek in his private life; to meet his children, who are now grown up, and, above all, to meet his wife, Minnie. Mrs. Hynek, running her house and home and family with the age-old wisdom of womankind, struck me as one of those paramount American women of History, endowed with insuperable personality.

It can scarcely be said that we Ufologists let our wives have a completely quiet life, free of bickerings and annoyances.

I think of her and her dear ones with grief, and I share their sorrow, as so many of us do all over the world, to whom the name of Hynek remains as that of the leading character in the

greatest mystery of these times.
Yours sincerely,
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May 15, 1986.

**Correct indeed, for Dr. Hynek was of Czechoslovakian parentage, born in Chicago. — EDITOR.*

Dear Gordon, — This letter is to serve two functions, first to comment (briefly) on the passing of my close friend and colleague J. Allen Hynek and second, to send you a manuscript for your publication consideration.

I first met Allen at his observatory at Northwestern University in 1972 while I was on official travel. I had made arrangements to drop by the campus during a conference in Chicago, and I was met by this spry and dapper gentleman who obviously was a professor type. After introducing myself and sharing some of my background I kept noticing that he was looking at me "sort of funny"... as if I was not really who I said I was. Perhaps each of us was just checking the other out. What a marvellous experience to be able to share quickly some of the subtle and challenging characteristics of what we now call UFO phenomena. Neither of us beat around the bush; we just talked about the scientific evidence as we knew it to exist (at that time). Allen remained a hard-working person to the very end, and set a standard for the rest of us to try to live up to. As so many others will say along with me, I will miss him and his cheery greetings. But in my memory I will see his broad smile and hear his voice and remember some word of support for my own work. And I will look around for another mentor to fill his shoes. I don't expect to find one!

I wish to submit the enclosed MS entitled *"A Review of Proposed Explanatory Hypotheses for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena"*. I would also like to dedicate it to the memory of J. Allen Hynek (if published). This MS is really submitted for any comments and additions you might care to make. If, in your estimation, it is premature or incomplete I will understand. If so just say so and return it. Hopefully it will be of use to our readership as sort of a rational check-list to consult when necessary.*

I hope that all is going well with you and your work. I marvel at your energy and intellectual prowess. I read and speak only a few foreign languages, for instance and can't keep up with my reading list. Keep up your fine leadership at the journal.
Very Sincerely,
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May 26, 1986.

**It will be a great honour for FSR to publish this, just as soon as we can get it into the pipeline. — EDITOR.*

Major Donald Keyhoe

Dear Sir, — I was greatly troubled when I saw your recent reference, on page 24 of FSR 31/2, to "the *late* Major Donald Keyhoe".*

As it was the first indication I had seen that the good Major was no longer with us, I at once called him on his personal telephone number which he gave me long ago. It was a real pleasure when I heard his voice answering the phone. We talked a bit, and I learned that he was in reasonably good health. He sounded like his old self and I was very glad that I had called him. He thanked me for doing so.

I thought therefore I would advise you so that you might print a correction note in a forthcoming issue, so that other readers could be informed that Major Donald Keyhoe is not deceased.
Yours sincerely,
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Cleveland, Ohio 44143,
U.S.A.
May 4, 1986.

**It is proving difficult at the moment to pin down the precise sources (they were several) for the unfortunate report about the death of Major Donald Keyhoe, and we greatly regret the trouble we have caused by falling into this trap. For we do not doubt that it* was *a trap, and those who read Aimé Michel's letter in FSR 29/6 about the rumours of the demise of himself, and our note about the similar reports of the death of John Keel, will perhaps share our own conclusions as to what probably lies behind it all. — EDITOR.*

"Indirect Hypnosis" and Sensitives

Dear Editor, — I wish to thank Sra.Irene Granchi for explaining the term "indirect hypnosis" (FSR 31/2).

Unfortunately, it is still a disturbing concept, since it basically involves telepathy, i.e., using one controversial and little-known phenomenon to investigate another. Not exactly the best way to convince the unbeliever!

What evidence do we have that the process works in any particular case? There is a great deal of evidence that most "sensitives" inadvertently tap their own subconscious imaginations when producing "readings".* But rare indeed must be the true sensitive so powerful as to be able to read faithfully another person's thoughts without error or omission. Such a person would be a menace to society!

Fortunately, there are scientific experiments for testing the accuracy of hypnotic regression. This involves providing the subjects with a precisely known experience, say a movie, and then, a couple of weeks later, comparing their memories under hypnosis with those of unhypnotized controls. (For those who are interested, hypnosis tends to produce more details, but also more mistakes.)

May I suggest that every "sensitive" used in indirect hypnosis be tested in this way, in order to be sure that his/her abilities are both genuine and accurate. If this is not done, then, scientifically, the exercise must be regarded as completely worthless and counter-productive.
Yours sincerely,
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April 26, 1986.

**Nobody who has the slightest knowledge of psychic matters can fail to perceive that the ordinary "medium" or "sensitive" is simply a piece of "blotting-paper", picking up impressions from all sides and feeding them out again as "messages from the Spirit World", as we see almost daily in all these much-advertised public demonstrations of "clairvoyance". — EDITOR.*

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